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WEATHER FORECAST.—Thursday rain.

Rain Coats that are suitable as wraps for cool days, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$18.50 and \$22.50.  
Warrington, Va., March 15, 1904.

## Women's Umbrellas for Spring and Summer.

You can get them as low as 69¢ (but worth a dollar). Twill covered, paragon frame, steel rod and fancy metal handles.

26-inch Mourning Handle Umbrella, Twilled Corolla Cloth, 7 ribs, light roll, and an excellent value—\$1.00 each.

26-inch Silk and Linen Taffeta-Covered Umbrellas, with case and tassel, guaranteed to wear, handles of sterling silver, \$1.98.

'The Mars' is our All-Silk Taffeta Umbrella, close roll,

military handle and tassel, \$2.98.

The Mars Cloth on the best 26-inch interlocking frame made.

Tight roll and handles of Egyptian bark, mounted with sterling silver. We guarantee the cloth for 1 year's wear. This particular umbrella is exclusive with us, and we only have a limited number, \$5.00 each.

### Slipcovers to Order.

We are making Slip Covers to order, of various suitable materials, at very low prices. We guarantee them to fit perfectly and give satisfaction.

Slip Covers, of Belgian stripe and fancy damask, for 5 pieces of furniture (20 yards of 36-inch material allowed) for \$6.00.

Slip Covers, of fine imported linen, for 5 pieces of furniture (13 yards of 50-inch material allowed), for \$8.50.

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SEE OUR AD. ON WOMAN'S PAGE IN THIS EVENING'S NEWS LEADER.

## THE MIKADO'S DOOM.

(Written for the Sunday Times-Dispatch.)

Japan is enjoying a period of national prosperity unequalled in her history. She has extensive and profitable commerce; manufacturers have sprung up, made in the past decade; boundless natural resources are being developed along the lines of meteorological discovery; the people have admitted the superiority of Christian civilization, and have adopted European methods with amazing rapidity. Her nation is absolutely independent and self-sustaining, while the zeal of the people for national glory rivals the patriotism of the ancient Spartan; an equitable system of taxation has filled the exchequer and available war loans would make many nations of Europe stare in wonder; yet, if the powers of the earth do not find some pretext upon which to interfere, Japan is just as sure to be driven from the continent of Asia, by Russia, in due course of time, and her national integrity crippled, if not destroyed, as night follows day.

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R. A. MCINTIRE.

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HERBERT SPENCER BREAKS THE IDOLS

BELGRADE LEVEE BREAKS

ILLINOIS COUNTY THREATENED, BUT SITUATION ELSEWHERE RELIEVED.

(By Associated Press.)

IN JANAPOLIS, IND., March 30.—The breaking of the great Belgrade levee on the Illinois side of the Wabash River across from Vincennes has greatly increased the danger in Lawrence county, Ill., at the same time relieving somewhat the flood situation around Vincennes.

The Big Four Railroad Company has called for volunteers to aid in fighting the waters which threaten to sweep away miles of their track. Hazelton, which has been isolated since Monday, is now almost completely inundated. Another name has been added to the list of fatalities by the death of Mrs. Emma Wright, of this city.

### Situation Improving.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAGINAW, MICH., March 30.—The flood situation here is somewhat improved to-day, the river gauges showing a decrease in the water level of from one to four inches.

### Breaks All Records.

(By Associated Press.)

PIEDMONT, MO., March 30.—Black River has steadily risen during the last week until to-day it reached twenty-two feet, which is five feet higher than any previous record. The country is inundated for miles. It is reported that Rodney Malloy, his wife and their farm hand, living four miles from here, have been drowned. A wave six feet high struck a freight train near Leeper, threw the train and engine from the track and almost drowned the crew before they could swim to safety.

### ARBITRATION BOARD.

THIS IS WHAT REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER SEEKS FOR LABOR TROUBLES.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—Arbitration, as proposed in the Foster bill, drawn by Volney W. Foster, of Chicago, and providing for arbitration and binding arbitration in labor disputes, consisting of seven members, of which the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall be ex-officio member, was discussed to-day by the House Committee on labor.

Mr. Foster explained the provisions of the bill. He was questioned by members of the committee and also by the representatives of the American Federation of Labor. All of the questions indicated favorably the bill. Mr. Foster explained that the only penalty to enforce the findings of the tribunal on any given subject was public opinion. This point seemed to be controverted by both the House Committee and Labor.

It was asserted that an agreement to enter into arbitration might be taken into court for enforcement. Mr. Foster did not hold this view. He represented Attorney General in the Chicago, Illinois, and Ohio Railroad, and a coal operator in West Virginia, who gave him as an attorney that no court would have jurisdiction to enforce such an agreement to arbitrate, or to bind the parties to the arbitration by the finding of the tribunal.

### THE KITTREDGE BILL.

IT WILL BE REPORTED WITH A FEW AMENDMENTS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canal met to-day and listened to Senator Morgan, who explained the merits of his bill providing for the government of the canal zone. His bill would make a military reservation of the canal strip. The Kittredge bill was before the committee also, and it is believed it will be reported to the Senate with a few changes. The provision for the government of the canal by two commissions, one of which was to make the laws, will be eliminated and the control of the zone left to the existing commission. The committee has

agreed to insert in the bill a provision authorizing the President to designate an officer of the army or navy, or any other officer, who shall have charge of all sanitary matters, the official to be under the canal commission.

### PROTECTING THE FLAG.

ALLEGED DESERATORS IN COLORADO ARRESTED—BAILED FOR TRIAL.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, CO., March 30.—William D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, who attempted to incite a disorder by the Western Federation of Miners, signed by two of the officers. The background is a picture of a United States flag, and is inscribed "Colorado Red Men." On the stripes are short sentences commenting in sarcastic language on the policy of the Governor and the militia.

### Mrs. Gill's Excursion.

Mrs. Gill's excursion to Washington on Easter Monday promises to be one of the successes of the year. A great crowd will see Fluns, Poles and even Jews fall with the Tatars. Poles and Jews fall into line when the integrity of their country is imperiled. The Poles have proved their loyalty; the Flunks and Laplanders will be among the first at the front, and the Jews will do for Russia exactly what they have done for England. Although brutally persecuted, they bore it all with sublime patience, and have lived to see that country just as powerless as Montenegro, without their aid in any great international emergency. It will be the money of the Jew in large part that will arm and feed the Russian soldi in this war against Japan.

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some tell us that letter writing has become a lost art. Nowadays we write hasty notes, not letters. The letter is a serious undertaking, only in the case of a business man who is writing to you to try to get you to pay out your money to him. He gets the money according to his needs, how to write a skillful letter. Under such circumstances letter writing becomes almost a profession, it is a business of advertising. It is a profession that is becoming more and more important every day. Business letter writing will soon be a fine art, and skill in it will command a very high price. If I were a young woman looking for a way to earn my living, I should devote my attention earnestly to the study of business English, learning at the same time to use a typewriter. A typewriter operator who knows enough of English and business usages to write letters herself without dictation can command a good salary at any time and almost anywhere.

The place of the elaborate social letter has been taken, in a way, by the club paper. If a woman has anything bright, anything thoughtful, anything wise to say, she has only to put it into a short essay and read it to the club members at once and receive their repartee for herself that she may be saved. If I were a woman I should devote myself to mastering the art of literary composition, not to make fame in the great world of letters, but to win the respect and confidence and admiration of my neighbors in the club paper.

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